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Subject: Notes from call with Brad Edwards 1/31/16

Hi All,
Here are brief notes from our call with Brad Edwards yesterday.

EPA participants – Roberto Rodriguez
Patti Tenbrook
Mary Grisier

His first question was about the call that we had with HDOA and DOT representatives last week re: roadside spraying of Roundup. He let us know that a Maui County Councilmember had asked HDOA to be allowed to participate in the call, but never received a callback from HDOA – they felt shut out. He asked about HDOA's ability to cite or fine state or local agencies. We told him that it's our understanding that they can cite state agencies, but cannot fine them. They can, however fine County agencies.

He let us know that the State DOT has switched to using Avenger from Roundup, but that the County of Maui still uses Roundup. (Avenger has same language about people/pets).

He asked about sample analysis lag time, and cited a case of a helicopter application from several years ago that drifted onto a construction crew - sample results have not been shared with anyone yet. He cited a State law that prohibits state agencies from withholding environmental results, and believes that HDOA is violating that law. He also asked about homes that have been shown to have residues of Atrazine, but nothing has been done to help the residents. He was told by Scott Enright that 12 homes tested positive, but claims that nothing has been done. He is still looking for an exact number of homes that have tested positive for pesticides on Maui.

We let him know that we are working with HDOA to come up with a backup plan when lab equipment breaks down or there is some other event that causes delays in analysis.

Brad indicated that he has received no response from HDOA to the many requests he has made for information.

Brad indicated that two national news organizations are working on stories about pesticides in Hawaii, and they will not be favorable to HDOA. He believes that they are negligent, and in collusion with the ag companies. He asked about what it would take for us to conduct an investigation into what he believes is intentional disregard/nonperformance of duties. We described our partnership with HDOA and that we work closely with Tom and staff. We will be contacting him to get an update on all of the issues of concern.

Brad brought up an alleged use of Methyl Parathion by Monsanto AFTER the date it was banned for sale or use. He asked about our ability to require HDOA to get spray logs, and we explained that spray logs are one part of an investigation, and that inspectors do ask for logs when they are investigating a complaint. Brad is concerned that there are spray logs that HDOA has not been willing/able to get that would show misuse of pesticides by the corn companies. Brad says Scott Enright was at a public meeting in Kehei last week and promised to get spray logs from Monsanto and provide those to him.

He asked whether or not companies that are under investigation for drift must comply with the investigation or if it is voluntary – he described Hawaii's Notice of Pesticide Use/Misuse, a standard form that HDOA uses during an

investigation. We let him know that states have authority to enter and conduct investigations – if necessary they can get a marshal to accompany them to complete the investigation. The form seems to

We told him that we would be back in touch with him after we speak with HDOA.

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